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1. During the period 15 February - 15 March 1954, 412 freight cars, shipped by Soviet authorities in Austria to Czech firms, transited the railway station at Gmuend. Of these cars, the following have been noted: 92 tank cars carrying fuel; two tank cars with lubricating oil; 19 cars with asphalt in barrels for the airport in construction at Plzen; 8 cars with electric cables; 14 cars with shoe leather; 4 cars with tires.
 2. During the same period, three freight cars entered Czechoslovakia under military escort, contents of which were not known. Two private cars took the Commanding General and Chief of the General Staff of Soviet troops in Austria to Czechoslovakia to participate in maneuvers of tanks equipped with radar stations (sic) and the testing of a new type rifle.¹
 3. On 12 March 1954, 12 "Stalin" tanks transited Gmuend en route to Krems.
 1. Comment:
a Soviet troop train carrying troops from Austria to maneuvers in Czechoslovakia was observed on 24 April.
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